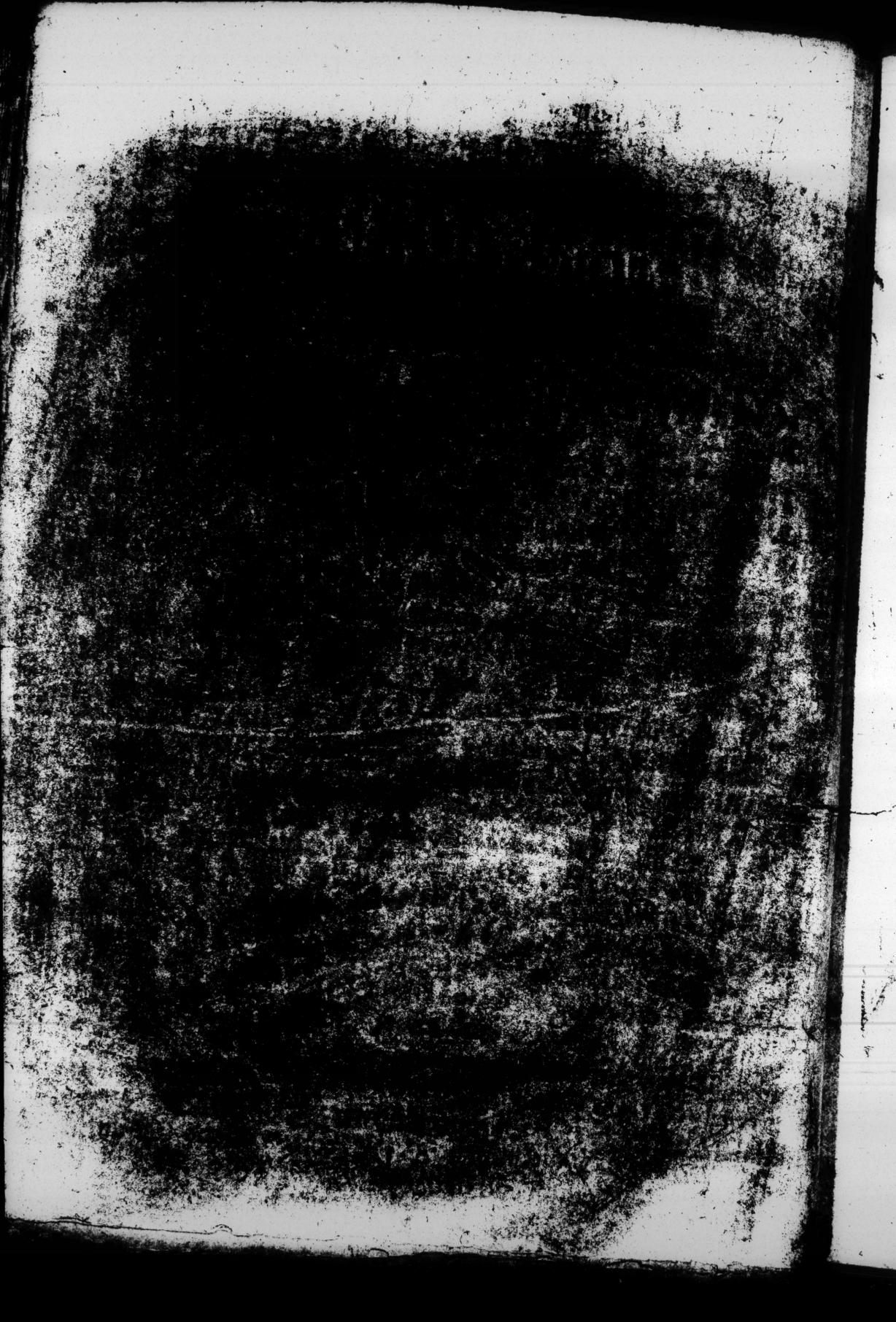
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Guy Farle of Warwick.

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GUY Emle of WARWICK.

F Noble Gay, I here will speak,
A Champion bold and stout:
Who evermore would help the weak,
And beat the strongest out.
Distressed Ladies help would hee,
And Captives bound in chains,

And wronged Knights from tyrants free, True love was all his gains. And all was for fair Phelice fake,

He ventur'd life and limb;

Who made the stoutest Champion quake,

That durst incounter him.

The Earle of Warwicks daughter highest,

Was Phelice tall and trim:

The flower of England for delight?

Too high of birth for him.

For he was but as I may fay,

Her Fathers stewards son:

Yet Venus laws she must obey,

When Guy had honour won.

Why then quoth she go forth brave youth,

And make thy self more known;

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The Heroick History And when my Father hears the truth, Take Phelice for thy own. Win honour by thy marshall hand, Andby a War-like life; When this I come to understand, Take Phelice for thy wife. Phelice I ask nomore said he, Call Guya coward Swain 5 If he refuse to fight for thee, Thy love for to obtain, O wo to him that counts that good! That doth procure his care; Who wins a wife with loss of blood, Doth buy his bargain dear. Yet whil'st he hath a drop to bleed, Guy will not idle lye: Performing many a worthy deed, And acts of Chivalry. In France he prov'd himself a man, Unhors d them one by one, He there cast down both horse and man, And fame and honour won. He then to England coms amain, To see his hearts delight: But Phelice sends him forth again. Since he so well could fight. To fight for her he wolud not grutch, Whom he esteemed dear: Because he loved her so much, No danger did he fear. No danger may he fear that strives To win a Ladies love: And howsoever the business thrives, Obedient he must prover



He takes he leave once more and goes,
Her pleasure to fulfill;
He longs to be a dealing blows,
To win more honour still.
And through a Forrest as he rides,
He meets a mighty Giant;
Two yards at every step he strides,
Far stronger then a Lyon:
Friend, quoth the Giant hast thou heard
Of one, they call him cay,
Who all the Power of France hath fear'd,
With acts of Chivalrie.

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And what of him, Sir Guy then said, Perhaps I am the man, Of Giants he was ne'r afraid, Do all the best they can. O! quoth the Giant art thou he, With whom I long to fight; Thy honour doth belong to me, I claim it as my right. Then pull'da tree up by the roots, And heav'd it up on high: In iron Coat, and brazen boots, He marched towards Guy. Quoth Guy thou art a simple clown, I'le quickly make thee mine: I'le pull thy lofty courage down, My honour still shall shine. With that he hit him a strong blow, From a well guided hand: And cut off mighty Rumbo'stoe, That he could hardly stand. Then Rumbo heav'd his tree on high, Thinking his bones to break: And struck at Guy most furiously, Which made the ground to shake. Before he heav'd his tree again, Guy hit him on the head: Thinking the Giant had been siain, Falling down for dead. Hold hold, (quoth he) I'le be thy slave, So thou wilt save my life: Quoth Guy, such mercy thou shalt have, To end this dre adfull strife-He made him swear he would be true And serve him as his boy:

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His enemies for to subdue, And all his foes destroy. He swore he would, and then did rise, To lend Sir Guy his aid, Whose ugly looks, and sauser-eyes, Might make a man afraid. They walked over mountains high, Trough vallies wide and long: The Giant Rumbo, with Sir Guy, And none could do them wrong. At length they heard a mighty cry, Which scar'd the Giant so: What cry is that, (quoth he) Sir Gny? No farther will I go. Rumbo quoth Gny, tush do not faint, I'le go what ever betide; No courage furely can he want, Hath fortune on his fide. Close underneath a hill he found, A Lyon with a Dragon met 5 But Rumbo fell down in a swound, And in a cold moist swear, Brave sport, (quoth Guy) fight on quoth he And when you make an end; Unto the weakest I will be A true and trusty friend. At length the Lyon turn'd afide, As if he would be gone 5 Nay then (quoth Guy) have at your hide, Dragon l'le lay it on. With that he draws his masty blade, Unto the Dragon goes Like one that was no whit afraid, But deals him manly blows.



Valiant Guy beturs his hands,
The Dragon back did shrink;
The Giant Rumbo quaking stands,
And knew not what to think.
Guy gets the victory at last,
Which made great Rumbo glad;
He was full glad the fight was past,
For he before was sad.
The dread uil Lyon Guy did greet,
When he to him did go;
And thankfully did lick his feet,

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Because he kill'd his foe. He followed him by his horse side, It was his chiefe desire; Till heno longer could abide, Hunger forc'd him to retire. Rumbo, (quoth Guy) I see thou art, A coward at the last: Thou hast great strength, but little heart, I know by what is past, Master, (quoth Rumbo) shall I speak, And yet I now am loth: Compar'd to me you are but weak, Yet heart enough for both But you shall see my valour shown, Before that it be long; I will not see you overthrown, Or fuffer any wrong,

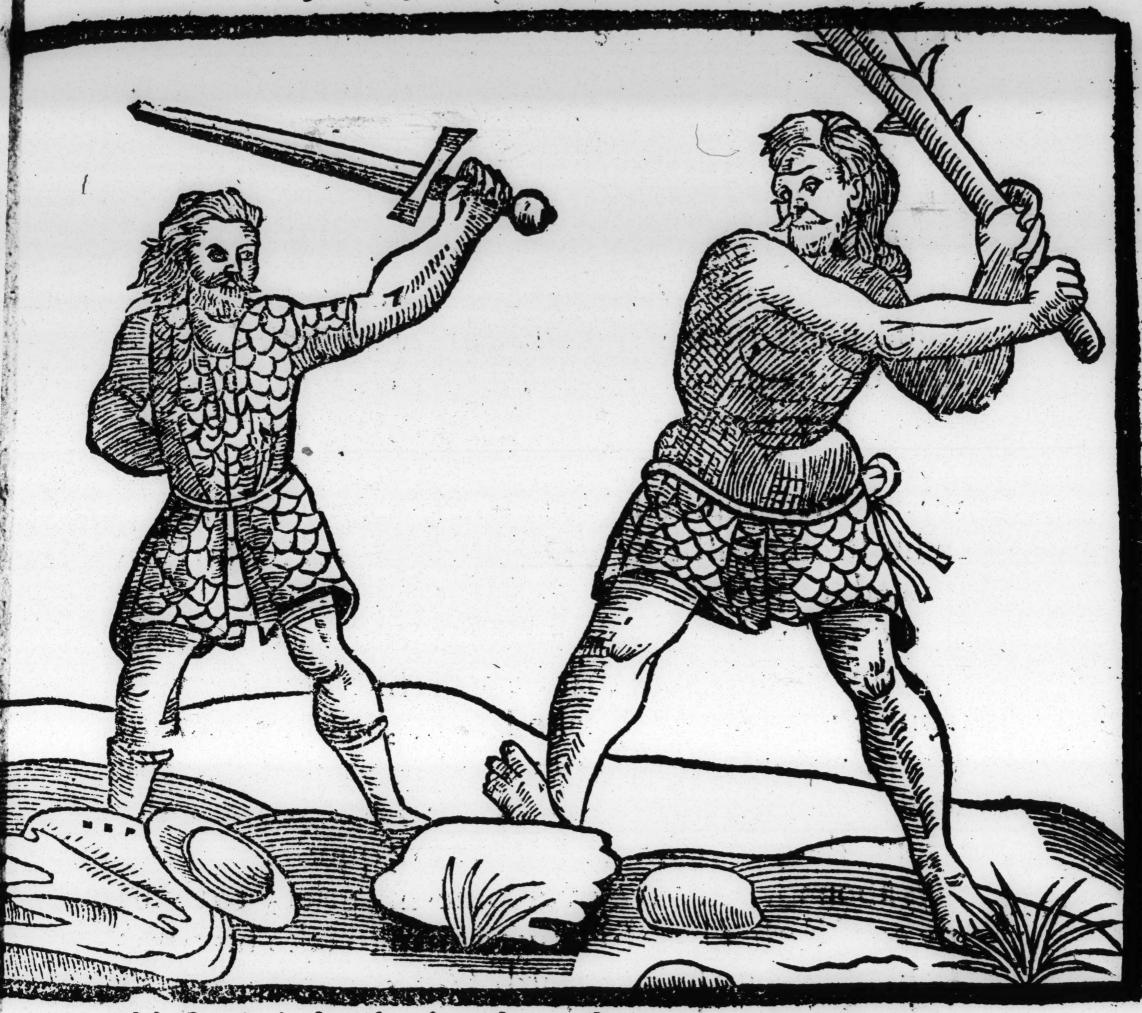
Why then quoth Guy, Rumbo, I'le quickly try, what mettle thou art made of; thou wast afraid of the Dragon, but art thou afraid of a man. No quoth Rumbo, you know I was not afraid of you, who was too hard for all the Champions in France, and I purposing to win honour, thought to try my man-hood with you, though I had the worst, and should think my life well spent in the service of such a Noble Champion: Rumbo quoth Guy, I hear the Emperor of Almain hath besieged the Duke of Lovain, thither I purpose to go to lend the Duke my aid, for I am resolved to help the weak against the mighty; yet in no unjust quarrell shall my sword be drawn: no sooner were they aria ved at Lovain, but the Duke understandeth thereof. and entertained Guy, with great joy and gladness. Now quoth the Duke, my friends, my heart is right glad, that so honorable a man is come to take our part

brave English man quoth the Duke, advise me what to do in this case; the City being besieged by a pow. erful enemy, and small resistance can we made against them: my Lord quoth Guy, there's freedom enough to be won, by a course which my self means to take; and to encourage your men the better. My man Rum. bo and I will issue out upon them, so after the breach is made, your army may the better fall upon them, and put them to the rout: no danger may they fear who valliant minds do bear: then suddainly they opened the gates, where Guy and Rumbo behav'd themselvs so valliantly, that they broke the enemies rank, beat the Almains from the wall, and made such a terrible flaughter among them, that with the help of the Dukes Army, they quite vanquish'd the Almains, and put them all to the rout. Rumbo beat a whole lane of men before him, but following them too far, was unfortunately slain. Guy bewailed the death of his trusty servant Rumbo, and said, he would be revenged of the Almains for his death. Shortly after the Emperor fent another army greater then the first, but they were overthrown as the former were, and the Duke with Guy returned victoriously unto the City, where after many thanks given to Guy, Guy answered the Duke in this manner, My Lord, it joyes mee not half so much, that wee have got the victory of our enemies, as it would glad my heart to make a peace between the Emperour and you. The Duke was willing, and sent a guard of Souldiers with him, till hee came to the Emperour's Court: where he speaks to the Emperor in this sort. High Emperor, all health unto thy grace, and peace to thee, if thou sai'll peace to us, and love to thee if love thou wilt imbrace; why should we Christians war against of Guy Earl of Warwick.

against each other, but rather against misbelievin3 Jews, Turks, and Pgans; we sue not to thee in a servile way, as fearing thy power and might: for victory hath crowned our heads with honour, but that wes might agree to gether to pull the Pagans down. Brave English man quoth the Emperour; hadst thou spoke sooner, it had not only been granted, but had faved many hundred mens lives. Why then, quoth Guy, let's to Duke Segwin go, and renew the league betwixt you; with all my heart, quoth the Emperour; so away they go to the Duke, and renews their league, and sends Gny with a thousand chosen men, against the Jews, Turks, & Pagans, & Sarazens altogether by the ears. Brave sport quoth Guy, so lays about him on every side, favouring none; insomuch that they said one to the other, what mad fellow is this, that hews us down on every fide; sure had he a thousand lives, he could not scape. At length a mighty Pagan steps to Gny, and defired a Combate at his hands, to see which of their swords cut best. Methinks quoth Golbron, thou hast a sword that is like to a reed, I am perswaded it will not cut, Not cut quoth Guy, Pagan I like thy humor wel, I'le whet it on thy bones before we part, such lubbers it hath often hewn asunder; then did they lend each other lufty knocks, that sparks of fire flew from their helmets, the gazing people knew not what to think, but expected the end of Guy, for Colbron was wonderous strong, & one of the chiefest Champions that the Turks had. But Guy at last gave him such a speedy blow, that down came Colbron and his strength withall. Pagan quoth Guy, is my sword sharp or no? with that he cut off his head, and sent it to the Emperour presently: Guy to another goes, called Mormadore, and after a hot dispute overcomes him,& laies him dead upon the ground. The Pagans feeing their

their Champions go down so fast torsook the field, & went to the town, where a most bloody Tyrant bore the sway: who hearing what was done went armed to the tent where Guy was, & challenged nim to come forth, telling him that he had promised his head to a Lady, & was com to fetch it. And hast thou so, quoth Guy, an honest man wil be his words master; com then and take it offquickly, or else the Lady will suppose you scoff. But Guy did so belabour him, that instead of taking of his head, he set spurs to horse, and fled to save his own: then not a man durst stir, but Gny hearing they had a General in the town, they call'd him mighty souldan, goes and challenges him, and dares him to his face, the souldan with a staring look, replied; Thou Christian slave, who like a dog I scorn: I'le chastife thee with steel, with that at each other they ran, their launces broke & each forsook his Horse; they betook the then to their swords: Gny struck such sorcible blows, that he cut through the souldan's Armor; making such wide wounds in his fiesh, that at last through loss of blood the souldan fel to gre ud, casting handfuls of his blood at Gay: Then not a man durst stir fo Guy set spurs to his horse and departed, wit victory and great honour. Guy now intended to go see his k ving friend the Duke of Lovain; but e'tehe came to his journies end, he freed a woful Lady from distressithus it befel: Earl Terry a valiant man, with his Lady walk ing through a forrest to take the air, was surprised on a suddain by fixteen villains, who were hired to take his Lady away from him, and make her anothers wife; leaving the Earl sore wounded, Guy comforts the Earl, and understanding where these villains were, by the cry of the Lady, coms to them in this manner. Cursed flaves, quoth he, what do you mean to do with this

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this Lady? her husband you have wounded, & taken herby torce from him; this act of yours I'le make you now repent, you shalp y dear for what you here have done. With that they laughed him to scorn, saying, what fool is this, or rather mad man, who thinks to get himself a name by a del perate attempt: (like so quoth he) the sit that's on me now, is a raging one, so draws his sword, & bids the Lady hold her peace, for he would quickly release her from the hands of these villains, so with admirable courage he lays upon them, at every blow one or other dies; som he slew, and the

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rest fled, being not able to withstand him at that time so he conducted her to the Earl, her husband, with much joy, and gladness on both fides. Now Guy with the Earl, and his beloved Lady, wandring through the desart, without a guide, hearing the noise of wilde beall, did not a little trouble them. At length two armed men they spied, with their swords drawn, who stood upon their guard, lest the wild beasts should devour them on a sudden. Guy demands of them what they were; they replyed, they came to bring Earl Terry bad news. The Earl demanded what it was? they replyed his royall Father was besieged in his strong Castle by Duke Ottons power: who hath vowed to pull the Castle down about his ears. The Earl on a suddain was much discontented, Guy chears him up, and tells him that he will assist him, my very name quoth Guy, will make him flie, be felt my sword in France, but lik'd it not; I will go with thee, thy wronged Father to defend; for I have vowed the wronged for to right. Noble Friend, quoth Terry, my joys abound, and have overcome my grief; to think my aged Father hath so brave a man to take his part ; The enemies no sooner heard of Guys approach but all their Commanders took their heels and ran away, leaving the Duke their master, to order his men himself. The Duke seeing himself in so bad a condition, in a desperate humor calls for Guy, vowing to be revenged of him, or loose his life & honour in the field. Where is quoth he, this English man that haunts my ghost? I challenge him to meet me in the field, equall envie shali quickly end the quarrell that is betwixt us. Agreed quoth Guy, proud foe repent thy wrong, and make thy conscience clear, thou shalt quickly see an end of thy honour, which worthy men do hold most dear,

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dear, thou now hast lived to see an end of thy good name. Together then they rush'd most furiously, like two incenfed Lyons, breaking their Launces as they were reeds: and betaking them to their swords, they fought both with admirable courage, till at length through losse of blood the Duke fell, who lamented his ill fortune, and died very penitently, confessing that ambition was the cause of his overthrow. When Guy heard this he sheathed his sword, and sayes; remain thou there, for I mean to bleed no more for Phelice, at this time I have been too long away from her, and will fight no more till I see her: but passing through a Forest he met with the hugest Boar that ever eye beheld, the Beast came at him most furiously, which he perceiving stands upon his guard, & lays so hard upon his swinish head, that he left him dead in the place. And so takes his journy for England, where being arrived, he was enternained with great joy and triumph by King dihelstone, who had heard of all his Noble achievments done in other Countries, to the honour of England, and English men: Renowned English wan, laid King Athelstone, who art the pride of our Nation. I have heard of all thy Noble actions done in other Countries, to the wonder of the whole Christian world. Thou hast laid a heavy hand upon the necks of Pagans, Infidels, & Jews, hewing monsters in twain, who spoiled and devoured many Christians: But Honorable man, I think thou never didst destroy the like monster, that is now in England; a dreadfull Dragon in Northumberland, who devours man, woman, and child. Many worthy Knights have gone to encounter with him yet never any came home alive again. I spake not this to animate thee on 3 to venture thy life to encounter with him: whose life. I prize:

Prize as dear as my own, but that thou maist understand how our Country is annoi'd by him. My liege quoth Guy let me but have a conduct, that I may understand where to find him; and I promise as I am an English Knight, and true to my King, and Country; I will bring this monsters head to your Majesty. The King gave order that a dozen Knights should Conduct him to the place where the Dragon was, which was done accordingly: the King and all the Court taking their leaves of Guy in solemn wise, never expecting to see him again; when they were come near to the place, where the Dragon was. Guy saies thus unto them: Gentlemen, go no farther, for fear of danger, but sit on your Horses and behold the Sport, so coming towards the Cave, where the Dragon was; Cuy prepared for the incounter, and beholding the Dreadfull Dragon coming towards him, with irefull Countenance: with eyes like burning fire, and lofty speckled breast: his Launce in his rest, and Spurs his Horse, running against the Dragon with such violence that he overthrew him : the Dragon bit his Launce in twain as if it had been a reed: nay then quoth Gny if you fall to such bites, I have a tool to pick your Teeth withall: Then draws his trusty blade, and laies upon the Dragon in such manful wise, that he made wide and deep Wounds in his body: which caused him to roar so exceedingly, that hee scared the Knights, which set on their Horses to behold the fray. The Dragon Perceiving Guytoo hard for him, endeavoured to flye away from him; but Guy brought him down again, with a Vengeance, cut off his head, and brought to the King, upon a piece of the Spear that the Dragon bit in twain: The King admired at this monsters head, God shield quoth hee, and

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and save us from all evil, here is a face may well out face the Devil. Victorious Knight said the King, wee admire thy valour, thy courage, & brave adventures; one thing I must needs crave, and that is this, that you will go no more beyond the Seas, but stay here with me. My Soveraign said Gny, what I have done was for love of a Woman, whom I have not seen these many years: may your Majesty give me but so much leave I shall be at your service. Thrice Honoured Knight, I know it, the Earle of Warmick Daughter go Honoured man unto her, she hath heard of all thy Valiant actions, thou art a second Hector, or more then he, for

Hector, never did so much as thee.

Phelice hearing Guy was at Lincoln, went to him, and being over-joyed that she had found him, Clip't him in her Arms, and say, Why, how now love, have you forgot to love, what seek a Dragon ere you come to me? Phelice said Guy, the King him self complain'd of a most dreadful Dragon in Northumberland, that annoyed all the Country, killing men, women, & children; and he which wil not obey his Soveraigns command, especially in a thing of so high concernment, is both a Coward and an ill affected member to the Comon-wealth. Phelice. I am thine, I have bought thee with price of blood Dear love said Phelice, thou shalt never bleed no more for me, so both agreed, they went to her royall fathers house, Earl Rohand, who entertain'd him most Royally, & after a few daies they were married together, with great joy, banqueting and hearts delight: The Noble Earl Roband in the space of three weeks died. and left the Earldom to his son Guy, who was after made Earl of Warwick, he enjoyed his Earledom but a small time. And now growing in years, bethinks himself,& oft would say, how many men have I made liveless

livelesse for the love of a woman, and spend my time in war and blood, and not one tear shed for my sins. For beauty have I run through the world, in a Sea of blood, good God forgive me for it, vain world farewel I go to mortifie a finfull man, and now I mean to take my journey like a Pilgrim, to the holy Land, to see the place where my Saviour died for my fins, and the fins of the whole world. Phelice finding him so discontented, begins to question him, how he came into these mellancholly fits. If I (quoth she) be the cause of it ; I am not only forry, but will endeavour to amend what is in me amis. No dear love (quoth Guy) nothing but my sins, my numberless sins, that is the cause of all my grief and forrow. Ah Phelice said he, for thy love have I made many a man bleed. And now dear love do I intend to take my journey to the holy Land, and live and dye a Pilgrim, here take this Ring and keep it as a pledge of my love to thee, and give me thine, and if ever I come again to England, I wil send thee this Ring that thou mayest come and close up my dying eyes : Phelice farewell, weep not, I now must go, thy heart is full of love, minefull of woe; so with abundance of tears shed betwixt them, he takes his journey onely with a staffe in his hand, to the holy Land, and she as a pensive widdow remains at home, giving almes at her door to all Pilgrims for his fake, enquiring of them evermore it they could tell her any news of him, but he not making himselfe known to any of them in all his travells, they could relate nothing of him, to her. Many times when he returned from the holy Land, hath he received Almes from her own hands. And she not knowing him, he hath departed with tears in his eyes to his Cave, where he lived and died, as you shall understand hereafter. Now

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Now Guy takes his journey toward, the holy Land passing through desart and unfrequented place, full of danger: meeteth at last with a most wofull Wight, that unto forrow was no stranger. An aged man having fifteen sons in bondage, under the cruel! Tyrant, or a most barbarous Giant called Amorant, who retained them in his strong Castle, with many Knights, Gentlemen, and Ladies besides. Ony questioning where, the old man directs him to the Castle-Lend me thy sword quoth Gay, I'le lend my man-hood all thy lons to freer So away he goes, and lays upon the Gates, as one that says, he must and will come in. The Giant was neve. C2

so rowzed before, for no such knockingat his gates had been: so takes his club and keyes and cometh forth. Sirrah, (quoth the Giant) what business hast thou here? art thou come to feast the crows about these walls, because thou hast molested me in this manner, with this club will I beat out thy brains, and dress thy flesh for the crows to feed upon. You are very quatrelsome Giant, quoth Guy, and dangerous at the club it seems you be, I have been better ar n'd though now go thin; but do thy worst, here is a weapon that must do me right, so draws his sword, salutes him with the same about the skoulders, head, and side: in such manner that the Giant did not like the sport; but heaving his club aloft into the ayre, said, now villain will I crush thee, but Guy was nimble to avoid the same, so on the ground he spent his stroaks in vain; at length Amarant the Giant grew thirstie and faint for want of drink, and asked leave of Guy, to quench his thirst at the river, Guy gives him leave, then to work they fell again, at length Guy grew thirstie and craved leave to drink. but the churlsh Giant said it was a mad mans part to releeve his enemy; well said Guy, since thou art so hard-harted in that wherein I used thee so kindly, thou shalt understand that it doth but whet my anger the more against thee, and so shorten thy life the sooner; I now disdaine to drink; hold Tyrant, take a tast of my good will, for now I begin my bloody bout, it is not that same club will beat you out, with that he hit him on the head such a powerfull stroak that brought him with a vengeance down, then Guy set foot upon the monsters breast, and hewed off his head: and takes his keies, and enters the cassle, where a most wosull spectacle he beheld; tender Ladies in darke dungeons fed with the flesh of their own husbands

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hands, them he releast, & set at liberty, unbinds meny knights and gentlemen, who for many years had been kept in bondage by this bloody tyrant; at length he came to an Iron gate, which he unlocks; where he found the old mans sons, being fifteen in number. Who looked like the pictures of death, some of them he found hang'd up by the middle, som by the thumbs. som hang'd up by the heels with their heads downward. These he took down with great care, and delivered them to the old man their father, who with great joy and thankfulness would have kissed Guys feet, but Gny took him up in his armes, delivered the keys unto him, made him master of the castle, and so departed; many a weary step travelled he ere he came to the holy Land, whilst his beloved wife spent her dayes in great sorrow, often wishing her sels with him, to be partner with him in all his susserings: many years continued he in the holy Land, insomuch that all his friends thought him to be dead. At length defiring to see his own native country, where he intended to lay his bones, he took his journy homwards. No sooner was he arived on the English shore, but he found his contryin great distress the King of Denmark with a mighty army was landed, threatning to destroy all with fire and sword. Neverthelesse the two Kings to stay the effusion of blood, were willing to end the quarrel, by a fingle combate. The King of Denmark had a mighty Giant to his Champion: so terrible to behold, that the English were afraid of his very looks, Hinging his gauntlet down with such pride and contempt, that worthy Guy could ill indure to hear, saying, the English were a cowardly Nation, that never a men durst answer him. Guy could not contain himself no longer, but goes to the King, and tells him.

him that he will expect of the challenge, and defired his Majesty not to despair, for he would quickly make an end of Colbron that mighty Giant. The King said unto him, honest Palmer go, and Godblesse thee in this mighty work thou hast undertaken, aad grant thee victory over thine enemy. Amen quoth Guy and so goes from winchesters North-gate to Hide mead, where he found this Monster of men, treading each step two yards of ground. Art thou the man, quoth Colbron, on whom the King hath ventured Englands Crown, whereas all his Lords and Nobles I defie and scorn, to fight with such a slave as thee. Giant, said Guy, man-hood should never rail: a souldiers weapon best can tel his mind. Thus I begin, and therefore look about thee: If thou bee beaten the Dains will flout thee: then began a sharp and bloody fight between them: so that the people knew not what to think; at length colbron through losse of blood began to faint, and say to Gny, yield thee brave English man, and fight no longer. Villain, quoth Gny, I scorn thy coward fear: The King hath ventured England on my head. With that he lent him such a powerfull blow, that brought the Giant with a vengeancedown, great joy was there among the English.

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But Guy passed away unknown to his Cave, in a while after he fell sick; and sent his Ring to his wife, the Countess of Warwick by a poor Palmer, who came and closed up his dying eyes, her self living but sisteen days after.

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